1.4.1999 according to which the sharing of expenditure between Central and State Government under JGSY will now on 75:25 basis.

In the North Eastern Region, District Primary Educational Programme (DPEP) is being implemented currently in the State of Assam only. Construction of buildings for buildings schools is one of the components in the nine DPEP project districts of the State of Assam.

Training and Employment Programme for Women

1785. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the union Government has received any proposal from Gujarat Government for training and employment programme for women;

(b) if so, the main features thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto and the steps taken in this regard;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) No proposal has been received from the Government of Gujarat. However, as and when we received proposals under Training and Employment Schemes of the Department from NGOs, and if they are duly recommended by the State Government, we have been approving them if they fulfil the conditions.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Engineering and Medical Colleges in Assam

1786. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise number of Engineering, Mechanical and Medical Colleges opened in Assam, particularly in the North Cacher Hills and Karbi Anglong districts, during the last three years and ti'l-date, as compared to other States;

(b) whether Government propose to open new such colleges in that districts during 1999-2000; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, alongwith the names of places and areas of the Assam where such colleges are likely to be opened during the Ninth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) to (c) The State Government concerned is responsible to set up new technical institutions and medical colleges after obtaining approval from the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and the Medical Council of India (MCI) respectively. During the last three years, no approval has been granted by the AICTEMCI for opening new technical institutions and medical colleges in Assam.

Introduction of Moral Education in Schools

1787. DR. GOPALRAO VITHALRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is planning to introduce moral education in schools;

(b) if so, the reasons for introduction and by when; and

(c) the details of new curriculum?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) Value Education will receive added emphasis in school education and shall be interwoven into the entire curriculum including transactional strategies and various school practices.

(b) Added emphasis on value education is due to the growing concern to check the erosion of essential values, and increasing cynicism, obscurantism, religious fanaticism, violence, superstition and fatalism. Apart from this combative role, value education has a profound positive content, based on our heritage, national goals, and universal perceptions.

Greater focus on value education will come forth when the new curriculum framework is finalised.